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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING ZEOLITE MEMBRANE,  
AND ZEOLITE TUBULAR SEPARATION MEMBRANE PROVIDED BY THE  
METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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1. United States Patent No. 5,554,286, issued September 10, 1996.
2. International Patent Publication No. 00/21648, published April 20, 2000.

A copy of the listed International Patent Publication is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding European search report dated September 19, 2007. The U.S. patent is not being submitted.

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